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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 7 as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

5 ~~7~~ (Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

an evaporator according to claim 1;

a compressor which compresses a vaporized cooling medium;

a condenser which condenses and liquefies a compressed cooling medium in a vaporized state; and

an expansion valve which reduces a pressure of the cooling medium during a process of flowing a liquefied cooling medium to the evaporator.

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